BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY
170th
COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF 2020

EVENTS & GENERAL INFORMATION

MAY 15 – 17, 2020
The Commencement weekend calendar of events is available online! Using the Bucknell App, you can browse all weekend events so that you don’t miss any highlights. The app also features an integrated campus map to help you find your way around. Download for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Please check the Commencement website and Bucknell App as we will continue to update both with additional information as we move closer to Commencement weekend.
LODGING IN UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALLS

Room Information:

- Rooms are available for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, May 15, 16 and 17, on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Lodging Rates:
  
  Single Room – $55 per night  
  Double Room – $80 per night  
  
  (Note: single room = 1 single bed; double room = 2 single beds)

  A 6% hotel occupancy tax is required on all rooms.

- Room reservations are nonrefundable.

- Linens, a summer-weight blanket, pillow and towel are provided. There is no towel or linen exchange.

- Graduates will remain in their residence hall rooms.

- Make reservations by Friday, May 8, online at bucknell.edu/commencement.

- If you or your guests have a special medical condition or disability and desire accessible accommodations, please provide a brief description of needs on the online form. A limited number of accessible rooms are available and will be assigned based on availability.

- A limited number of rooms with private bathrooms are available only for individuals with disabilities.

- Any guest under 18 must be accompanied by an adult 21 years or older.

- Pick up keys for reserved rooms during the following dates/times on the second floor of the Elaine Langone Center:

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- Room assignments will be provided during key pickup.

Events are free and open to all guests attending Commencement weekend. However, fees are assessed for housing and tickets must be purchased for the Graduates Grill and Graduates Farewell Luncheon.
• NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN RESIDENCE HALLS.
• All guests and graduating seniors must depart the residence halls by 11 a.m. on Monday, May 18.

Should changes to lodging become necessary, please call the Commencement hotline at 570-577-1192, Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – noon and 1 – 4 p.m. EST, or email commencement@bucknell.edu to determine room availability. We cannot guarantee that rooms will be in the same facility as the initial reservation.

**Graduates Grill**

• Graduates and their families are invited to meet and dine informally. A grilled buffet dinner will be served in Bostwick Dining Room, Elaine Langone Center, second floor, on Saturday, May 16, from 5 – 8 p.m.
• Tickets are $20 per person.
• View the online menu and make reservations by Friday, May 8, at bucknell.edu/commencement. Include the graduating student in the reservation.
• Purchased tickets are nonrefundable.
• Purchased tickets may be picked up on the second floor of the Elaine Langone Center or at the Graduates Grill. Tickets will not be mailed.

**Graduates Farewell Luncheon**

The luncheon provides an opportunity for family members and guests to congratulate graduates prior to departure from campus. This event is held in Sojka Pavilion immediately following the Ceremony.

• Tickets are $15 per person.
• View the online menu and make reservations by Friday, May 8, at bucknell.edu/commencement. Include the graduating student in the reservation.
• Purchased tickets are nonrefundable.
• Purchased tickets may be picked up on the second floor of the Elaine Langone Center or at the Graduates Farewell Luncheon. Tickets will not be mailed.
Calendar of events listed by date and time.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Noon – 4:30 p.m.
*Elaine Langone Center, Second Floor*

**Postgraduate Survey and Caps & Gowns**

- It’s important we learn of your postgraduate plans! The CDC has a brief survey that feeds data for you and your classmates into Bucknell’s annual postgraduate report of activity.
- After completing the Postgraduate Survey, graduates will receive honors medallions, senior gift drive items, rain location tickets and their caps & gowns.
- Procession directions for the Commencement Ceremony will be provided to graduates when caps & gowns are distributed.
- Caps & gowns are provided to graduates at no charge and do not need to be returned.
- Caps & gowns must be picked up by the graduating student only. This cannot be completed by a designee.

Noon – 4 p.m.
*Elaine Langone Center, Second Floor*

**Honor Your Graduate - Parent Commencement Pin Distribution**

We are grateful for our parents who chose to honor their graduate with a gift to Bucknell. As a sincere thank you, parents who have given a gift of any amount during this fiscal year will receive a pin to wear proudly at Commencement.

1 – 2 p.m.
*Muslim Community Space, Davis Hall, Room 140*

**Friday Congregational Prayer**

Join us for our weekly congregational worship in the Muslim Community Space. This service features a two-part sermon known as the *khutbah*, with a pause between the sections of the sermon to allow for a time of personal prayer, or *du’a*.
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Forum, Elaine Langone Center, Second Floor  
**Phi Beta Kappa Induction Ceremony** *(by invitation only)*  
The ceremony will induct new members into the oldest honorary society in the United States. A reception will immediately follow in the Terrace Room, Elaine Langone Center, second floor.

6 – 8 p.m.  
*Berelson Center for Jewish Life*  
632 St. George Street, Lewisburg  
**Shabbat Service & Open House**  
A Shabbat Service and Open House for graduating students and their guests. Quick visits are also welcome! Shabbat service runs 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

8:15 p.m.  
*Davis Hall Lounge*  
**Community Iftar**  
Ramadan is a holy month in the Islamic calendar when Muslims fast from dawn until sunset and break their fast together in an *iftar* dinner. Join us for *iftar* dinner in Davis Hall Lounge during Commencement weekend.
SATURDAY, MAY 16

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Elaine Langone Center, Second Floor
Honor Your Graduate - Parent Commencement
Pin Distribution
(See page 3 for details.)

10 a.m.
Weis Center for the Performing Arts
President’s Senior Awards Ceremony
University prizes and awards for academic achievement and personal merit will be conferred on members of the Class of 2020 by the President and faculty. The Office of the Provost will notify seniors who are receiving awards in May. A reception with refreshments will follow the ceremony in the Weis Center Atrium.

Noon – 4 p.m.
Postgraduate Survey and Caps & Gowns Continues
(See page 3 for details.)

2 – 4 p.m.
College Receptions
An opportunity for graduating students and their families to visit with faculty members.

College of Arts & Sciences - Sojka Pavilion
College of Engineering - Academic East Tent
(rain location: Academic West Building)
Freeman College of Management - MacDonald Commons Patio (rain location: MacDonald Commons Multipurpose Room)

1 p.m.
Trout Auditorium, Vaughan Literature Building
Posse Graduation Ceremony (by invitation only)
The ceremony will celebrate student leaders in the POSSE Scholars Program.

1 p.m.
Rooke Chapel
ROTC Commissioning Ceremony
The Commissioning Ceremony is the culmination of years of study and effort that result in a cadet becoming a commissioned officer, marking the transition from officer trainee to a leader of soldiers. A reception with light refreshments will be held immediately after in the Terrace Room, Elaine Langone Center, second floor.
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
*Weis Center Atrium*
**Chips Off the Ol’ Block Reception** *(by invitation only)*
This reception is an opportunity to celebrate the Bucknell legacy. Class of 2020 legacy students and their families will gather for an informal mix and mingle reception with President John Bravman.

4:30 p.m.
*Trot Auditorium, Vaughan Literature Building*
**Bucknell Community College Scholars Graduation Ceremony** *(by invitation only)*
The Bucknell Community College Scholars Program will celebrate the accomplishments of graduating scholars.

5 – 8 p.m.
*Bostwick Dining Hall*
**Graduates Grill** *(See page 2 for ticket information.)*
This grilled buffet dinner is an opportunity for graduating students and their families to meet and dine informally.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
*Rooke Chapel*
**Interfaith Baccalaureate Service**
A celebration of gratitude for the Class of 2020 featuring student speakers, performance and written word. This multi-faith, multi-cultural service is a time for reflection, celebration and giving thanks. Open to all graduates, guests and members of the Bucknell community. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open at 5 p.m. For more information, visit bucknell.edu/BaccalaureateService.

8 p.m.
*Rooke Chapel*
**Catholic Mass**
Graduating students, families, friends and members of the Bucknell community are welcome.
9 p.m.  
Malesardi Quadrangle  
**Candlelighting Ceremony**  
Seniors will line the perimeter of the Malesardi Quad to recreate the Candlelighting Ceremony that is part of first-year Orientation. Parents, family and friends are encouraged to attend and will be seated in the center of Malesardi Quad. Parents and guests will have a role in the ceremony, directed by a member of the Bucknell Parents Board.

9:30 – 11:30 p.m.  
Sojka Pavilion  
**Commencement Celebration**  
Families, friends and members of the faculty and administrative staff are invited to join graduating students at the Commencement Celebration immediately following the Candlelighting Ceremony, beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m. This event is free and open to all guests.

Alcohol will be served. **A wrist band is required for guests planning to consume alcoholic beverages.** Banding for all guests over age 21 will be offered in the Elaine Langone Center on Saturday, May 16, from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. and near the entrance to the Commencement Celebration on Saturday evening.
The Malesardi Quadrangle is closed until 7 a.m. on Sunday, May 17.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Malesardi Quadrangle
Commencement Ceremony

- Tickets are not required for Commencement if held outside on Malesardi Quad.
- No rehearsal for graduating students is scheduled for the Commencement Ceremony; information will be sent to graduating students from the Office of the Registrar before the end of the semester.
- General information about the Commencement Ceremony (special seating, first-aid station, etc.) will be available at kiosks on Malesardi Quad prior to and during the Ceremony.
- At least one guest must remain to hold seats on Malesardi Quad. Items left unattended will be removed and can be claimed in the Office of the Registrar, 102 Marts Hall, following the Ceremony.
- Lost-and-found items will be held at the Switchboard on the second floor in the Elaine Langone Center.
- Restrooms are available on all floors of Bertrand Library, Coleman Hall, the Vaughan Literature Building and the Elaine Langone Center. Portable restroom facilities will be available on the east and west sides of the Library. All facilities are accessible, with the exception of the portable restrooms.
- The outside Ceremony is held on the lawn. Please dress appropriately for grass and weather.
- Beverage stations will be located near the Library on the south end of Malesardi Quad.
- A live webcast of the Commencement Ceremony will be available. For information and a link to the live webcast, visit bucknell.edu/CommencementLive.
Accessible Seating: Wheelchairs and Deaf or Hard of Hearing

- Seating arrangements are available on a limited basis for individuals using a wheelchair or who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Each guest in this area may be accompanied by one additional guest.
- Call the Commencement hotline at 570-577-1192 before Friday, May 8, to make arrangements for this seating area or for details pertaining to local durable medical equipment vendors. The University does not loan or rent wheelchairs.
- Guests should be advised that the outdoor Ceremony is held in an unshaded area.
- An alternative indoor viewing area will be available in Trout Auditorium in the Vaughan Literature Building.

Inclement Weather

- In case of rain, the Ceremony may be held in Gerhard Fieldhouse or delayed up to two hours, then remain outdoors as planned.
- Graduating students will receive five tickets each for the indoor Ceremony when they pick up their caps & gowns.
- Guests who do not have tickets may view the Ceremony by live webcast in the Weis Center for the Performing Arts and Trout Auditorium in the Vaughan Literature Building.
- If the Ceremony is delayed or moved to the indoor location, an announcement will be sent through campus email notification. You may also call 570-577-2000 for updates. Signs will be posted at the entrances to Malesardi Quadrangle and the lobby of the Elaine Langone Center.
- Visit bucknell.edu/RainPlan for additional details.
Photography Information

- A photography team from Island Photography will be at the Ceremony to take a candid photograph of each graduate at the special moment of recognition.

- PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY, feel free to visit islandphoto.com and scroll down to select Graduation Day Photos Pre-Registration.

- Graduates attending Commencement will receive an email with a link to view/order their proofs within 48 hours after the Ceremony. In addition, copies of graduates’ digital images and an order form will be distributed by first-class mail about one week after the Ceremony.

- After the Ceremony, graduates may order online or call 800-869-0908.

- Questions should be emailed to custserv@islandphoto.com.

- Family members are encouraged to remain seated and enjoy the Ceremony. However, an area on the west side of Malesardi Quadrangle will be designated for guests to take personal photos of the graduates as they receive their diplomas.

12:45 p.m.
Sojka Pavilion

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Other Information

Dining Options
The Bison snack bar, located on the ground floor of the Elaine Langone Center, will be open for refreshments and light meals on May 15, 16 and 17. Menus for the Graduates Grill and the Farewell Luncheon can be viewed online at bucknell.edu/commencement. Tickets for these meals can be ordered online at bucknell.edu/commencement. **Pick up tickets on the second floor of the Elaine Langone Center. Tickets will not be mailed.**

Flowers
The Parents Fund & Family Programs will offer an opportunity to pre-order a variety of flowers for Sunday, May 17. An order form will be mailed to parents in early February. Flowers will be available for pickup from Scott’s Floral table set up in front of the Vaughan Literature Building from 8 – 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Graduation Announcements
Graduation announcements may be ordered through the Balfour website, balfour.com/bucknell, or by calling 1-877-225-3687.

Service Animals
No animals, except trained service animals, are permitted in University buildings or on Malesardi Quadrangle and Sojka Lawn. More information can be found by visiting bucknell.edu/accessibility.

Sunday Traffic Flow and Parking
Officers will be on hand to direct traffic flow. Drop-off for older individuals and those with disabilities is located in front of Marts Hall on Dent Drive. Shuttles will run continuously from all campus parking lots from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Yearbooks
The 2020 Bucknell Yearbook L’Agenda may be ordered online at balfour.com or by calling 1-800-944-5930. For specific questions, please email Sabrina Shankar at ssl00@bucknell.edu.
Weekend Hours

Bison Snack Bar
   Friday: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
   Saturday: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
   Sunday: 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bucknell Bookstore
   Friday/Saturday: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
   Sunday: Noon – 6 p.m.

The following information is listed for your convenience when inquiring about particular events or arrangements. All area codes are 570 unless otherwise noted.

Commencement Hotline: 577-1192
   or email commencement@bucknell.edu

Central PA’s Visitors Bureau: visitcentralpa.org

Baccalaureate Information 577-1592
Barnes & Noble at Bucknell University 577-1128
Commencement Wheelchair/Deaf/HOH Seating 577-1192
Graduation Announcements (Balfour) 877-225-3687
Graduates Farewell Luncheon 577-1192
Graduates Grill 577-1192
Housing Information 577-1192
Photo Information (Island Photography) 800-869-0908
Postgraduate Survey Information 577-3586
Regalia Information 577-3666
Senior Awards Ceremony 577-1547
Yearbooks 800-853-1337
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